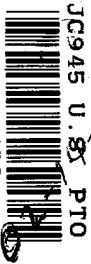


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# CONTINUING (§111(a)) APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

(Bypass Continuation Application Under 35 U.S.C. §111(a))

Attorney Docket No.  
122.1488First Named Inventor:  
Yoshikazu AOKITitle: NETWORK-LOAD DISPERSION SYSTEM, METHOD  
THEREFOR, AND RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDED  
WITH PROGRAM FOR ACHIEVING THIS METHOD

Express Mail Label No.

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600  
concerning utility  
patent application contents.

## ADDRESS TO:

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
2. ☒ Specification, Claims & Abstract ..... [Total Pages: 20]
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) ..... [Total Sheets: 3] [FIGS. 1-3]
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration ..... [Total Pages: 3]
  - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
5. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application.
  - a. ☐ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
  - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
6. ☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
7. ☒ Incorporation by Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application (identified in Item 20), from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
8. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 C.F.R. 1.76
7. ☐ Applicant claims foreign priority benefit to: Application filed
9. ☐ CD-Rom or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
10. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ paper
  - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

11. ☒ Assignment (cover sheet & document(s)) to Fujitsu Limited of Kawasaki, Japan
  - ☒ for publication of assignee information under 37 CFR 1.215(b)
12. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
13. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
14. ☐ Foreign priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed.
  - a. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) filed in prior application No. .
  - b. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) enclosed.
  - c. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) to follow.
15. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
16. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
  - a. ☐ enclosed herewith.
  - b. ☒ incorporated herein (see Box 20).
17. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
18. ☐ Request and Certification for Nonpublication under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent
19. ☐ Other:

**20. CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: \_\_\_\_\_.  
This is a continuing application, filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), of International Application  
\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, it being further noted that foreign priority benefit is based upon Patent  
Application, filed .

**Preliminary Amendment:**

- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:--This application is a  
continuing application, filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), of International Application  
PCT/JP99/04438, filed August 18, 1999, it being further noted that foreign priority benefit is  
based upon Patent Application, filed .--


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